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As well as giving participants a taste of India's unique culture, this inspiring photography tour allows you to wander through some of India's most stunning and photogenic sites. From the forts of Udaipur, the remote nomadic life of Jowar, to the maze-like lanes of Bundi, this trip is designed to delight your senses and ignite your creativity. The tour also takes you to the astonishing Taj Mahal and other wonderful historic and sacred sites as well as the peaceful Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary. Photography classes are interspersed throughout the tour.

Facilitated by Mumbai-based photographer Jay Weinstein, this tour gives beginners and intermediates great photography know-how, fabulous creative perspectives of India's architecture, landscapes and its colourful inhabitants, as well as a 'behind the scenes' look at the real India.



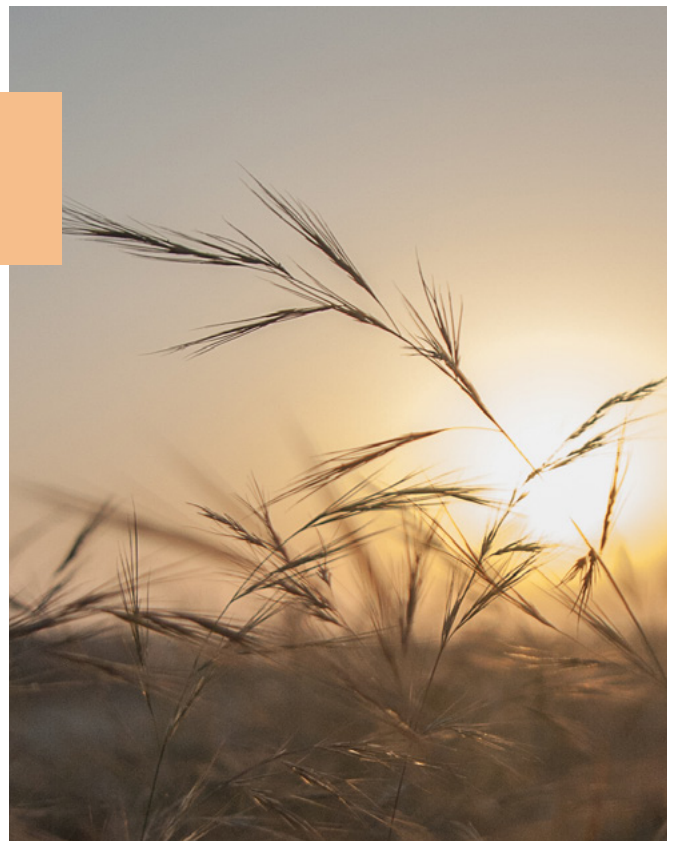
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### Day 1

Arrive in Delhi and transfer to our well-located hotel in South Delhi.

### Day 2

Today, we have combined sightseeing of Old and New Delhi including a cycle rickshaw ride around Old Delhi's narrow chaotic alleyways, a visit to Jama Masjid, Humayun's tomb and a driving tour of New Delhi. Overnight Delhi.







### Day 3

Today, we have an early drive to Agra for a guided tour of the exquisitely-jewelled Taj Mahal, described as the most extravagant monument ever built for love. After lunch we visit the fascinating ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri. Overnight Bharatpur.

### Day 4

After an early cycle rickshaw ride around the peaceful Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary, we drive to Jaipur, stopping en route to visit an ancient step well and temple. Also, see some of the wonderful sights of the chaotic pink capital of Rajasthan including the City Palace and the Hawa Mahal.

### Day 5

Enjoy a guided tour of the magnificent Amber Fort followed by a visit to the fabulous Anokhi Museum of Block printing. In the afternoon, we have time to wander through the colourful bazaars.

### Day 6

After breakfast drive to Bundi, a captivating town with atmospheric narrow lanes, blue houses, temples, bazaars and palaces.

### Day 7

Immerse yourself in the wonderful ambience of this beautiful town with a morning guided tour. Enjoy some free time in the afternoon.

### Day 8

This morning we drive to Chittogarh. The fort here was constructed by the Mauyans in the seventh century and is considered the greatest in





Rajasthan. Being the citadel of many great Rajput warriors, its history is filled with chivalry and tragedy. After a guided tour and lunch, we drive to Jojawar, a small town in the foothills of the Aravali Range with a suitably romantic past and a wonderful heritage hotel.

### Day 9

In the morning we head out for a jeep safari to visit villages of the Rabari people who inhabit much of the western desert of Rajasthan. They are a semi-nomadic people with a strong ethos of protecting the fragile environment that supports them. The jeep safari will help you to gain an appreciation of their lifestyle as well as the natural beauty of this region. After lunch, we drive through the hills and board the special mountain-railway train for a wonderful scenic journey through the Aravali Range. Overnight Jojawar.

### Day 10

Today we have some free time for further activities such as a cooking class, bird watching or horse riding and of course, photography!

### Day 11

En route to Udaipur, we enjoy a stop at the Ranakpur Jain Temple with intricately carved marble interiors and the Kumbhalgarh Fort. From the extensive fortified walls the views extend for miles. Overnight Udaipur.

### Day 12

While in Udaipur, we will have a guided tour of the majestic City Palace, Jagdish Temple and the stately Bagore-ki-haveli. We also have free







time to explore the narrow crooked lanes of this charming town or the surrounding countryside and villages. Other options include – sampling teas in the quaint tea shops or enjoying an ayurvedic massage. In the evening, enjoy a traditional folk dance performance.

### Day 13

Enjoy a visit to the Shilpgram handicrafts village - a living ethnographic museum depicting the lifestyles, architecture and art of the folk and tribal people of the Western states. We then have a late afternoon flight to Mumbai.

### Day 14

Experience the chaotic madness of Mumbai with some great sightseeing and time for shopping. We have a final group dinner before departure to the airport.

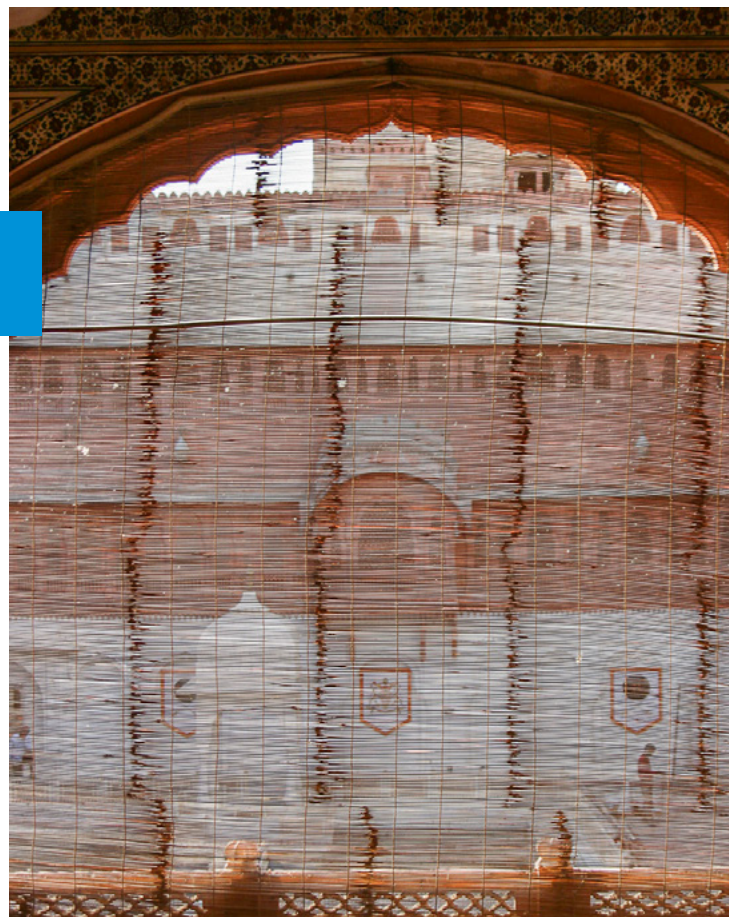


## ADDITIONAL INFO

### Your facilitator: Jay Weinstein

Jay Weinstein is a Mumbai-based, Hindi and English-speaking photographer of mainly Australian-American heritage.

At the age of 3 he moved to India. With his schoolteacher parents, he spent the next 12 years living in Vrindavan, a historic town filled with temples and monkeys, two hours south of Delhi. At 15, his family moved back to Australia to facilitate his secondary education. Though Jay thought he was done with India, he ended up re-







turning year after year, drawn by her overpowering, vibrant, chaotic cadence. His passion for photography was ignited on these trips. Later, his profession had him traveling from the lush, palm-dotted southern states to the breathtaking Himalayan mountains of Nepal; the ancient majestic forts of Rajasthan to the unending paddy fields of West Bengal. These gradually transformed into the photography travel trips he is now addicted to!

Jay brings to his work a unique charm and an eye for hidden beauty. Through the easy rapport he builds with his subjects, he creates unforgettable images that transport one to the heart of India and its people. Visit: [www.jaywphotography.com](http://www.jaywphotography.com)

## Photography Classes

Short theory sessions and focused practice time cover portraiture, basic composition, point of view and other topics. There will be morning and evening 'photo' walks where participants focus on a specific photography element for a limited time and can then go freestyle. Participants are always encouraged to make the most of any magic moments. Our meditative approach to photography also leaves plenty of room for participants to wander ahead and explore their photography independently.

### Other Topics covered include:

- What makes an image interesting?
- Breathe then see – meditative approach to photography. - eyes closed then eyes open
- Light and ISO
- Beauty in the big picture – wide shots, action, layers, landscapes
- Beauty in the detail – up close
- Basic Camera 1 – ISO and shutter speed
- Basic Camera 2 – aperture and lenses



- Portraits – etiquette, eyes, bringing in a story
- Point of View – finding interesting angles, depth of field

## The Tour

This wonderful 14-day experience includes air-conditioned travel, all accommodation, all excursions and entrance fees, internal flight, some meals, guides, guide tips, photography classes.

### For booking information contact:

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